



# the Waubeekan

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## The Sun! It Must Be Summer!

Fellow Waubeekans,

A stormy and rainy June has turned into some beautiful and bright July days...finally! And quickly followed the lively and well-run July 5th Paul Street Beach party. Many thanks are due to Bob Masi and his entertainment ensemble.

Both before, and since, people have been asking me three questions: "What about the gate? What about the lake weeds? Why are the goose droppings going unremoved?" Well, here's my best shot.

**Re the geese:** We have hired a Waubeekan teenager to clean up the beaches four to five days a week for the rest of the summer. Also, an approach used by Ridgefield to combat this universal problem is being evaluated and, upon completion, may be implemented on a test basis. This uses removable plastic fences to screen the beaches so the geese will not cross after landing on the lake. We will see.

The Board apologizes for the delay in approaching this perennial problem.

**Re the lake weeds:** Here, too, we dropped the ball, and are playing catch-up. The program for controlling lake vegetation is a combination of using hungry sterile carp to eat the weeds, and using the machine to harvest the weeds for compost. The harvesting has been done on weekends by our dedicated Herb Krate, but the needed mid-week effort during May and June was neglected as we unsuccessfully sought a qualified operator for the harvester. I am told that work will soon be effected during the week. For the future, we are evaluating a change in the priorities of our existing staff so that water main replacement work does not conflict with this important task.

**Re the gate:** As reported previously, the changeover data management work was done so

sloppily by our supplier, and was so difficult to correct, that we had no choice but to keep the guest gate open. And then came the equivalent of a "computer crash" which wiped out much of the work previously done. Reconstructing the address and telephone data, even with a backup, has overwhelmed our volunteers and taken much longer than we had anticipated. We are applying as many resources as we can muster to get the system working again. Be assured that the gates themselves work perfectly, but need the correct data to allow both residents and guests reliable access.

Again, we apologize for the long absence of access control. We urge patience and sensitivity to seeing and approaching visitors whom you do not recognize. The true security of our Community, I have come to understand, rests with the alertness of all of us.

I look forward to seeing and talking with all of you at the Membership Meeting on the 26th, where we can discuss these topics, as well as others which concern you.

May the days of summer sun continue!

Bruce Clark

### Membership Meeting!

Sunday, July 26, 10:00 am  
at the Community House

## IN MEMORIAM

We note with sadness the recent passing of

**Martin Wallace.**

The Community extends heartfelt sympathies to his family and many friends.



### **Congratulations to our Graduates!**

...Mill Ridge Primary School, Second Grade:

Simon Benitez  
Zoe Mistril  
Christopher Palacio

...Mill Ridge Intermediate School, Fifth Grade:

Megan Glaser  
Jacob Keller  
Cameron Matthews  
Cody Slingerland

...Rogers Park Middle School, Eighth Grade:

Ian Bick  
Noah Dempsey  
Lindsay Glaser  
Keanu Jimenez  
Rachel Krate  
Sarah Wall

...Danbury High School:

Kimi Apgar

...Brandeis University:

Akiva Fishman

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**Got a question?  
Need some information?  
Call the LWA Voice Mailbox!  
798-1183  
or email  
[lwaassistant@aol.com](mailto:lwaassistant@aol.com)**

### **GATE PASSES**

Gate passes are issued upon receipt of a written request only!

Request forms are located in the box by the exit gate. Fill out the appropriate information, return the form to the box by Friday, and you will receive a pass the following Tuesday.

## **★ WAUBEEKA GREEN ★**

We have more reasons than ever this year to do a little home vegetable gardening and local farmstand shopping!

Many of you are already steady customers of Holbrook Farm, on Rte. 53 toward Bethel. They're a great source for all kinds of their own organic vegetables, fresh eggs, wicked good bakery items, cheeses, and more. They're open Monday through Saturday from 9:00 am until 6:00 pm, and have a website at [www.holbrookfarm.net](http://www.holbrookfarm.net).

Danbury's Farmers' Market is now open every Friday from 11:00 am until 4:00 pm, at City Center downtown. Also on Fridays, you can visit Ridgefield's Farmers' Market from 3:00 until 7:00 pm, at 88 Danbury Road in the center of town. And new, smaller outlets seem to be popping up everywhere...!

If you're having a try at growing your own, our critter neighbors are undoubtedly giving you some competition for your harvest! Short of erecting an eight-foot-high, eighteen-inch-deep fence around your garden space, or housing a pack of large canines, there are some possible alternatives. Your Faithful Editor has found that Deer-Stopper seems to work pretty well to discourage the Bambis from grazing the salad bar, and a granulated formula called "Shake Away" is apparently not to the liking of our arch-nemesis, "The Groundchuck". So far, so good, anyway! (You can find Shake Away on the web at [www.Critter-Repellant.com](http://www.Critter-Repellant.com).)

The City of Danbury is now involved in the Community Garden movement, too. Take a look at [www.sowgreendanbury.org](http://www.sowgreendanbury.org) for some exciting information.

## **YOUR SEPTIC!**

Is your system pumping up to date?

**Pumping is required every two years, unless you apply, in writing, for an extension.**

When completed, please forward a copy of your receipts confirming septic pumping to the Septic Committee.

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**And PLEASE!!!  
Obey our Community  
speed limits, stop signs, and  
one-way roadways!**  
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# MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

## Fishing Tournament

The Eighth Annual Ed Lansky Memorial Fishing Tournament will be held on Sunday, August 23, at the Paul Street Beach, from 9:30-11:30 am, drizzle or shine! Open to all kids up to the age of 17. Pole fishing only; no net fishing!

## Candy Bar Bingo

Join us on Wednesdays July 29 & August 19 at 7:30 pm at the Community House, for the ever-popular Candy Bar Bingo, for all children five years and older. One "regular" candy bar buys one bingo card. (Limit of two cards per person.) No losers-guaranteed!

## Mah Jong, anyone...?

Looking for year-round Mah Jong players for Monday evenings. We have three players, but need five for a really great game! I'll teach good card players the game! Call Jocelyn at (203) 797-0359.

## Contact The Waubeekan!

This is your newspaper, a voice of our Community. Send your thoughts, ideas, and comments to Your Faithful Editor at [cnicklaus@comcast.net](mailto:cnicklaus@comcast.net).

We look forward to hearing from you!

Upcoming Waubeekan Issues & Deadlines:

August 2009-Tuesday, July 21, 2009

September 2009-Tuesday, August 18, 2009

We mail copies of The Waubeekan to homeowners and to renters at the address they specify. If you have a renter who is not receiving a copy, please provide us with his or her name and address.

### IMPORTANT NOTICE!

Each issue of The Waubeekan will now be posted on our website the day paper copies are mailed.

If you would prefer to receive The Waubeekan ONLY on the web at [www.lakewaubeeka.org](http://www.lakewaubeeka.org), please contact Your Faithful Editor by email at the above address, with your name(s) and LWA address.

This will affect only your receipt of The Waubeekan. All other notices will continue to be sent by regular mail to you at your official address.

## Frog Jumping Contest

The 20th Annual Frog Jumping Contest will take place at the playground at 10:00 am on Saturday, September 5th. The contest is open to all children up to age 17, and to frogs of any age.

One frog per child-no "teams" allowed!

Please bring your frog in a closed container that allows for air. All frogs must be set free where found, after the contest.

## Duplicate Bridge

On Thursdays at 7:30 pm, join your neighbors at the Community House for an evening of cards and companionship.

Call Judy or Stan Gurian at 743-3383 with any questions or if you need a partner!

## Musical Fun for Kids!

Morty Morrison is offering to teach the ukulele to children ages 6 to 10 this summer. The tuition for learning this fun and easy instrument is \$10 per person, in groups of 6-10 students.

Students will put on a performance at the Community House at the end of the summer! If you don't already have a "uke," Morty can get you one for around \$40.

Call Morty to sign up at 748-7339.

## PIZZA! PIZZA!

What better way to start off a summer weekend than by chowing down on pizza with friends and neighbors at the beach...?

Dates are

**Friday, July 24**

**Friday, August 21**

**6:00 pm at the Paul Street Beach.**

Sign-up sheets for pie orders will be posted on both beaches on the previous Tuesdays, and will be collected at 2:00 pm on the day of the party.

\$12.00 gets you a large pie (cheese only!), lots of watermelon, and soft drinks. (Anything else is up to you!)

**"OPEN MIC" ON PIZZA NIGHTS,  
WITH JAMIE EPRANIAN & FRIENDS...  
MAYBE EVEN YOU!**

Contact Lynne Powell at [speechlady9@comcast.net](mailto:speechlady9@comcast.net), or by phone at 743-3777.

**See you on the beach!**

**What's inside...**  
Art Show entry form,  
news about upcoming events,  
and more!

